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UNIT NO. 3270

FUND: General - 0001

#### **OPERATING AUTHORITY & PURPOSE**

Pursuant to Section 59.20 of the Wisconsin Statutes. and Section 56.09 of the Milwaukee County Ordinances, the County Clerk records the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors: distributes copies of the printed proceedings; maintains all of the legislative files; produces a continuous index of the ordinances and resolutions presented to the County Board at each meeting; updates existing ordinances and prepares copies of new ordinances for distribution: receives/processes court summons and complaints naming Milwaukee County; maintains the central file of County deeds, contracts, insurance policies, agreements, leases and easements; maintains SARA Title III records for Milwaukee County: administers oaths of office and maintains a file of such oaths as well as public official bonds; maintains a file of qualified public improvement contractors; receives and publicly opens all sealed bids for public improvement projects; receives all bids for services and

commodities; distributes copies of the Milwaukee County financial reports and statistical reports of property valuations; issues marriage, equestrian, havride, horse and stable licenses; processes garnishment actions, tax levies and assignments of County employees; processes lien notices against contractors performing County public improvements; maintains the file of certificates of title for all County-owned vehicles; assists the County Treasurer in signing all County checks; acts as agent for the State in furnishing dog licenses to the municipalities in Milwaukee County; furnishes cat licenses to Milwaukee County municipalities and the Wisconsin Humane Society (as governed by Milwaukee County Ordinances, Chapter 26); and registers all lobbyists and reports quarterly to the County Board on the number of registrants. Finally, the department serves as an informational clearinghouse for corporate Milwaukee County.

BUDGET SUMMARY										
		2004		2005	2006		2005/2006			
Account Summary		Actual		Budget	Budget		Change			
Personal Services	\$	338,877	\$	325,625	\$	338,899	\$	13,274		
Employee Fringe Benefits		176,895		182,545		186,591		4,046		
Services		13,864		54,395		65,245		10,850		
Commodities		3,409		5,650		7,776		2,126		
Other Charges		0		0		0		0		
Debt & Depreciation		0		0		0		0		
Capital Outlay		0		1,500		1,500		0		
Capital Contra		0		0		0		0		
County Service Charges		126,784		120,355		139,582		19,227		
Abatements		(122,729)		(117,443)		(127,373)		(9,930)		
Total Expenditures	\$	537,100	\$	572,627	\$	612,220	\$	39,593		
Direct Revenue		472,139		529,247		565,247		36,000		
State & Federal Revenue		0		0		0		0		
Indirect Revenue		0		0		0		0		
Total Revenue	\$	472,139	\$	529,247	\$	565,247	\$	36,000		
Direct Total Tax Levy	\$	64,961	\$	43,380	\$	46,973	\$	3,593		

### **COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2006 BUDGET**

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ADDITIONAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN TAX LEVY*										
		2004		2005	2006		2005/2006			
Account Summary		Actual		Budget		Budget		Change		
Central Service Allocation	\$	18,772	\$	14,930	\$	12,734	\$	(2,196)		
Courthouse Space Rental		76,476		72,216		75,257		3,041		
Document Services		1,007		1,510		0		(1,510)		
Tech Support & Infrastructure		10,294		11,678		14,390		2,712		
Distribution Services		2,264		1,744		2,547		803		
Emergency Mgmt Services		0		0		0		0		
Telecommunications		1,823		1,003		1,384		381		
Record Center		309		229		181		( 48)		
Radio		0		0		0		0		
Computer Charges		4,648		5,436		10,037		4,601		
Applications Charges		7,136	l _	8,697	_	10,843		2,146		
Total Charges	\$	122,729	\$	117,443	\$	127,373	\$	9,930		
Direct Property Tax Levy	\$	64,961	\$_	43,380	\$_	46,973	\$_	3,593		
Total Property Tax Levy	\$	187,690	\$	160,823	\$	174,346	\$	13,523		

\* These costs are included in other departmental and non-departmental budgets. They are reflected here to show the "total" amount of tax levy support for this Department.

PERSONNEL SUMMARY									
	2004		2005		2006		2005/2006		
		Actual		Budget Budget		Change			
Personal Services (w/o EFB)	\$	338,877	\$	325,625	\$	338,899	\$	13,274	
Employee Fringe Benefits (EFB)	\$	176,895	\$	182,545	\$	186,591	\$	4,046	
Position Equivalent (Funded)*		7.0		7.0		7.6		0.6	
% of Gross Wages Funded		80.3		80.6		83.9		3.3	
Overtime (Dollars)**	\$	16,814	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	
Overtime (Equivalent to Position)		0.4		0.0		0.0		0	

- \* For 2004, the Position Equivalent is the budgeted amount.
- \*\* Delineated for information. (Also included in personal services.)

PERSONNEL CHANGES										
		Number of		Cost of Positions						
		Positions/		(Excluding						
Job Title/Classification	Action	Total FTE	Division	Fringe Benefits)						
None										
			TOTAL	\$ 0						

# **MISSION**

The County Clerk's responsibility is to serve the needs of corporate Milwaukee County as required by State Statutes and County Ordinances. Information and public service are provided to the citizens and employees of the corporation in a responsible and responsive fashion. "The customer always comes first."

# **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

 Personal Services expenditures without fringe benefits increase by \$13,274 from \$325,625 to \$338,899. Funded positions increase by 0.6 as the result of a lump sum adjustment.

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- In order to facilitate constituent demand, the County Clerk intends to process passport applications. As of January 1, 2006, office revenues increase \$36,000. This will be offset by \$1,500 for the purchase of a camera.
- An appropriation for conference expenses of \$1,700 is budgeted to enable the County Clerk to attend the Wisconsin County Constitutional Officers conference and the Wisconsin County Clerk's conference, along with NACo.
- Funds in the amount of \$2,126 are requested for the purchase of a typewriter to accommodate the level of non-computer typing required by the office functions, along with a replacement FAX machine.
- IMSD has been working with the County Clerk to make the County Board's proceedings and legislative tracking available via the County's website. This new initiative is expected to be launched during 2006. \$10,000 is included for temporary help for data entry services, with the understanding that Board proceedings will be brought up to date in a timely manner.
- All departments are required to operate within their expenditure appropriations and their overall Pursuant to Section 59.60(12), budgets. Wisconsin Statutes, "No payment may be authorized or made and no obligation incurred against the county unless the county has sufficient appropriations for payment. No payment may be made or obligation incurred against an appropriation unless the director first certifies that a sufficient unencumbered balance is or will be available in the appropriation to make the payment or to meet the obligation when it becomes due and payable. An obligation incurred and an authorization of payment in violation of this subsection is void. A county officer who knowingly violates this subsection is jointly and severely liable to the county for the full amount paid. A county employee who knowingly violates this subsection may be removed for cause."

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**ACTIVITY AND STATISTICAL SUMMARY** 2004 2004 2005 2006 Budget Actual Budget Budget Marriage Licenses 6,400 5,332 6,400 6,033 Marriage License Waivers 340 200 211 340 Marriage Civil Ceremonies 1.043 956 1.043 1.043 36,000 Dog/Cat Licenses 36,000 25,219 36,000 County Board Files 1.000 1.000 1.000 975 **County Board Citations** 400 598 550 550 County Ordinances 30 19 30 25 County Board Proceedings Pages 2.275 2.600 2.600 2.600 County Board Digests, Actions Summarized/ 480 775 850 850 Routed **Employee Garnishments** 5.500 6.653 6.400 6.500 **Employee Wage Assignments** 28.028 27,500 28,500 27,500 Employee Tax Levies 1,740 1,500 1,800 1,200 Contractor Lien Notices/Vendor Tax Levies 60 73 60 85 **Contractor Qualification Statements** 350 492 450 510 950 1.625 1.400 1,675 Claims Processed Summons and Complaints Processed 1.400 1.630 1.600 1.600 Construction Bid Notices 150 275 260 300 Procurement Bid Notices Processed 4,800 0 0 0 Legal Documents Assigned to Central Files 1.300 6.572 5.000 6.000 County Checks Signature Processed 595,000 597,062 595,000 598,000 Lobbyist Registration 25 29 25 50 Passports 0 0 0 1,200

> **SERVICE** FEE Marriage Licenses \$100 Other License/Permits Varies Dog/Cat License Admin. Varies by municipality Marriage Waiver Fees \$10.00 Copy Fees 20¢ per page Notary Fees 50¢ Marriage Ceremonies \$100 Passports \$97